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## Fairytale proposal made at zoo



Adam Walker after proposing to Caroline Parsons at Dudley Zoo and Castle

A Dudley Zoo keeper went for the big gesture when proposing to his girlfriend – using a huge banner hung on the castle.

Adam Walker, aged 28, swore colleagues to secrecy when he planned his proposal to Caroline Parsons.

Mr Walker, who works with big cats at the zoo, made a 30ft banner bearing the words "Will you marry me?" and asked chief executive Peter Suddock and assistant curator Richard Brown to help him wrap it around the walls. He then took his future

wife, a former zoo education presenter, into the castle courtyard to show her his handiwork – and was delighted when she said yes.

He said: "I'd been planning it for quite a while."

Miss Parsons, 28, a science teacher at St Thomas More School, Willenhall, said: "I was just so surprised. It was amazing."

The couple, who live in Russells Hall Road, Dudley, have set the date for their big day next August.

## Empty shops blight town

Dudley has more shops standing empty than any other town centre of a similar size in the country, new figures claim.

The town centre has the highest number of vacant shops out of every medium-sized centre in the UK. Neighbouring West Bromwich is the second worst.

The gap between the best and worst performing towns is widening, a new report by the Local Data Company reveals, with one in three units vacant in some parts of the country. A total of 29 per cent of shops in Dudley town centre are vacant, and 28 per cent in West Bromwich, while the lowest were in Falmouth in Cornwall, Waltham-

stow and Clapham Junction in London and Cirencester, Cotswolds, all of which have 6.6 per cent of shops empty.

The figures in Dudley and West Bromwich are around double the national average of one in seven shops.

Shops have shut in Dudley, including Spencers indoor market in July and Beatties department store last year.

Dudley Council leader, Councillor Les Jones, said: "There is still a difficult market out there in retail and shops are still suffering from the recession." Councillor Jones said talks were continuing to bring a leading supermarket to the town.

## Villagers opposing £900,000 scheme

Villagers have spoken out against a controversial £900,000 scheme to overhaul an historic High Street, with most calling for further changes.

More than 250 householders have sent in their views on the redevelopment of Kinver High Street. Residents and businesses in the village have complained the alterations have caused traffic queues along the High Street and trade to plummet. Of the 252 letters sent to Kinver Parish Council, 202 of them criticised chicanes installed along the road.

Some called for them to be completely removed while others asked for clear priorities to be laid out to avoid traffic problems in the

village. The parish council said 112 of the letters had complained about parking problems for delivery lorries caused by the changes.

More than 100 of the correspondence also criticised marker posts placed at the entrance to the High Street. The concrete blocks have speed limit signs on them.

Parish Council bosses said 70 of the letters sent had praised the overall layout of the road and 89 had said new kerbs were too high.

Staffordshire County Council will carry out a review later this year and will have the final say on whether any changes will be made to the road. But the parish council, which carried out this part of the review for the county, will meet

with representatives from the authority in October to discuss the issues raised.

Parish Council spokesman Jenny Spaul said it was not yet known what recommendations they would make to the county as residents' views had not yet been discussed by members.

Meetings about this are expected to take place in the near future.

Mrs Spaul said all of the views had been collected and already sent to the county council for its consideration. "The views we received were in many ways a mixed bag."

"The council will meet with the county in October and we will know more then," she added.

## Company leader's death was unlawful rules inquest

# MARINE KILLED ON BOMB HUNT

A Royal Marine from Halesowen was killed while searching for bombs as he patrolled in Afghanistan, an inquest heard.

Jonathan Crookes, aged 26, had been leading a company of troops through Sangin District in Helmand Province.

The area is one of the most volatile in the war-torn country. An inquest heard the Marines were less than a mile from their base when an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) detonated, injuring three troops, including a US soldier.

Following the explosion Marine Crookes continued to search for further explosives to find a clear path back to the base for him and his injured comrades on July 16 last year. Sgt Al Grant, who was troop sergeant for Charlie Company, from 40 Commando Royal Marines, said Marine Crookes was searching a bomb crater when a second explosion went off.

### Comrades

"We could not see anything. The whole area was covered in dust," he said. He added that as the dust settled, Marine Crookes was seen lying with another comrades, Lieutenant Corporal Luke Metcalfe.

Attempts were made to rescue the five injured servicemen, including Marine Crookes, but the reservist died from his injuries, an inquest at Smethwick Coroners' Court heard today.

Lieutenant Colonel Edward Moorhouse, who was a Major with Charlie Company, paid tribute to Marine Crookes saying: "If I had 200 Jonny Crookes' under my command I would be a very happy man."

Marine Crookes' family, including his mother, Susan, and fiancée, Danni Davis, were at the inquest, led by Black Country coroner Robin Balmain. Recording a verdict of unlawful killing, Mr Balmain said: "The sad fact is that Marine Crookes was killed carrying out his duty."

"Marine Crookes had been enormously successful at his job except tragically on this one occasion," added Mr Balmain.

Jonathan's mother paid tribute to his comrades. Susan Crookes also thanked medics who treated him in the moments after the explosion, during Marine Crookes' inquest.

Speaking after the inquest Mrs Crookes said: "Jonathan's loss will always be with us but so will our pride in him. The Ministry of Defence has been very supportive and the Royal Marines Welfare department has provided unfailing support and guidance to the family."

"We've also received a great deal of help from his friends and Royal Marine Reserve colleagues over the past year."



Marine Jonathan Crookes, aged 26, who was killed on patrol in Afghanistan

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# Man and girl, aged 10, hurt as car hits wall



Resident Liz Priest and son Matthew, aged 15, survey the damage to the wall

A man and a 10-year-old girl have been taken to hospital after the high powered car they were in crashed into the wall outside a club in Rowley Regis.

It happened outside Rowley Regis Conservative Club in Hawes Lane at 7.15pm on Sunday night.

It is believed the white Subaru hit the kerb before spinning out of control and crashing backwards into the 5ft high wall.

The driver and a 10-year-old girl were both taken to hospital.

The road was closed for around 45 minutes while the man was cut out of his car.

West Midlands Ambulance Service spokeswoman Claire Thomas said: "Crews arrived on scene to find a car which had col-

lided backwards with a brick wall. The driver of the car, a man, was trapped in the vehicle and suffered head and back injuries."

The fire service rescued the man from the car who was then taken to Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham.

The girl, believed to have been in the car at the time of the crash, was treated on scene for an ankle injury before being taken to Russells Hall Hospital.

Witness Liz Priest, aged 51, who has lived on Hawes Lane for 10 years, said: "I was just putting the tea on when we heard a massive thud and my husband shouted 'oh my God'. We rushed outside to see a car at the front of the Conservative club all smashed up. He must have hit the kerb on

the other side and then spun round, smashing into the wall. There was a young girl in the car being helped out.

Mrs Priest added: "This road is just terrible, people just speed and race down the bend. This is not the first accident to have happened here. You could see the skid marks across the road."

Fellow resident Peter Pemberton, aged 48, who has lived on the road for four years, helped comfort the girl after she was pulled from the car.

He said: "We heard the crash and rushed out and realised it was really bad, the car was a mess. The driver was laid back unconscious with blood pouring from his head. The girl was really upset."

# An epidemic of scaffolding thefts in region

Thousands of pounds of scaffolding has been stolen by thieves who have struck at building sites in the Black Country and Staffordshire more than 80 times during the past two years.

Figures show reported thefts have risen in some areas as the price of scrap metal soars. The problem is "plaguing" the industry, according to the National Access & Scaffolding Confederation (NASC).

Dennis Anderson, managing director of AMS Scaffolding in Cradley, said his firm had spent £10,000 in two years on security measures.

"These thieves – these maggots – just take hold of anything they can get their hands on."

"We have spent a fair whack getting metal stamps to stamp in the company name and address and paint the tubes with special paint to identify our equipment."

In Staffordshire the amount of scaffolding raids logged with police was up by more than a third in 2010/11 with 35 thefts, compared with 21 in the previous 12 months.

Meanwhile in the Black Country the number of thefts in 2010/11 was 17 up from 16 in the previous 12 months, costing the industry £61,111 over the two-year span.

Around two thirds of the raids were carried out in Walsall and Sandwell, including £3,500 of scaffolding taken from a maintenance yard in Bescot Road under Junction 9 of the M6, Walsall.

## Life in the 20s

A history weekend will take place at the Black Country Living Museum in September. On September 17 and 18 volunteers will be giving an insight into how people lived during the 1920s.

## Safety will be upgraded at road junction

New safety measures will be introduced at a "nightmare" junction in Dudley in a bid to stop motorists flouting new signs and making illegal right turns.

Campaigners living near the junction of Northfield Road and Halesowen Road, Netherton, were celebrating victory after police pledged to conduct regular checks at the spot to catch out any motorists spotted ignoring the new road layout. Meanwhile the council said it has earmarked £200 to pay for signs to make the "no right turn" clearer.

Ward councillor Qadar Zada said residents had been living in fear that an accident was imminent, and had raised the issue at recent Police and Communities Together (PACT) meetings.

### Welcomed

He welcomed the news of the sign, which is expected to be installed in around eight weeks time. "Residents have expressed their concern that many drivers are continuing to ignore the no-right turn that has come into force since the redesign of the junction – it was a nightmare for drivers and an accident waiting to happen," he said.

"They have been working with us as their ward councillors to look at sensible solutions to reduce this risk. It came about that some drivers were claiming not to be aware of the change at the junction and the current signage was not considered to be adequate.

"I'm really pleased we will have additional signs to alert drivers, and that the police have agreed to make enforcing the no-right turn a priority.

"This will mean drivers are safer and reduce congestion on the high street."

# Mike determined to help in cancer fight

When doctors told retired police sergeant Mike Boswell his cancer had spread and he may only have 12 months to live, he vowed to do all he could to help others in the same boat.

Determined not to give up, the 64-year-old from Halesowen has begun fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support – the charity which helped him when he was first diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2008.

Despite gruelling treatment including radiotherapy and an operation to remove the prostate gland, he was recently told the disease had spread.

Doctors have told him there is nothing they can do.

But Mr Boswell, who worked across the Black Country and Birmingham during his 15-year spell at West Midlands Police before finishing as a sergeant in Brierley Hill, said he hasn't given up hope. "I had no symptoms when I was first diagnosed. I had gone to the doctors because I had injured my hand and they gave me a blood test. Five

weeks later I found myself in hospital having an operation.

"Sadly there is now nothing they can do because the cancer had escaped from the prostate and spread. It is now incurable and doctors think I have about 12 months."

"I haven't given up hope that maybe they will have found a cure by then. I am staying positive because I think that's the best thing to do."

### Music

"I am upset because like everyone else, I would like to live forever but I realise that's not going to happen. I've decided to spend the time I have helping other people," said Mr Boswell, of Hamilton Avenue, Halesowen. The father-of-one, who was an RAF pilot before joining the police, took to his keyboard to play music and tell jokes at a recent fundraising event at Streetbike in Halesowen in aid of the charity.

"When I first found out about the cancer I went to Macmillan Cancer Support for advice. They were excellent. I just wanted to give something back and if I can help other people who have cancer, then that's even better."



Mike Boswell with Chris Garland and Jason Brunt fundraising at Streetbike

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# Yobs gangs facing ban from theft park

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Gangs of youths will be banned from gathering in a Halesowen park targeted by metal thieves and vandals after police secured new powers.

Two slides, two swings, a climbing wall and chain bridge were hacked down at The Leasowes, in Halesowen, last week. And residents have long complained about a large number of youngsters meeting up there, dropping litter and daubing graffiti on walls. Now police have been given new powers that mean they can move groups of rowdy youngsters on.

## Prevent

The order will allow officers to break up groups of youths who gather in specific areas and prevent them from returning.

Anyone believed to be under the age of 16 and not under the control of a parent or responsible adult between 5pm and 6am, can also be taken back to their home.

The dispersal order will stay in place for six months.

It covers Leasowes Lane, Leasowes Club House, Manor Lane, Kent Road, Highlands Rise, Western Avenue and Shenstone Avenue.

Sgt Wendy Tyler, from Halesowen Police Station, said: "This dispersal order has been requested and granted to assist officers in targeting anti-social behaviour problems."

"It will help us to tackle the problem head-on and help to make people in Halesowen feel safer."

Marianne Diller, chairman of the Friends of The Leasowes, said: "We welcome this and I hope it will improve the behaviour of youngsters who use the park."

## Sensory garden is opened



Hospice user Val Hopson, director of nursing Jackie Kelly, volunteer co-ordinator Pauline Binek, day unit team leader Linda Ellis, and hospice user Paul Gittus in the new sensory garden

A new sensory garden has opened at Stourbridge's Mary Stevens Hospice after it won a cash boost of almost £31,000. The garden has been planted to appeal to all five senses and has benches where patients can spend time with their families. It was created thanks to money won through the People's Millions lottery scheme. The garden has a

patio area and raised beds so that patients can easily reach out and touch the plants. It has been made accessible to wheelchairs. Janet Jones, head of fundraising at the hospice, in Hagley Road, said: "The new garden will allow staff, volunteer and families to spend time with patients in a relaxing and non-clinical setting."

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# £12m art college is ready for first intake

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The finishing touches are being made to Stourbridge College's new £12million art and design campus. All construction work has been completed at the striking building in Venture Way, Brierley Hill and staff have been moving equipment, furniture and books into the centre.

From this week, the new base will offer art and design, textiles, fashion, graphics, illustration and digital media courses to 1,000 students. The ground floor of the campus will include a refectory and seating areas for students as well as offices.

The learning resource centre is on the first floor, where there are art studios and the visual communications department.

Classrooms for subjects including textiles and print can be found on the second floor. The walls have been left with a neutral colour so that work which is created by the students can be displayed and there is also a gallery on the first floor which will be used for displays and exhibitions.

There is also an eye-catching wall which displays quotes from famous people including Eleanor Roosevelt and Walt Disney in green and white lettering.

### Excited

Vice-principal Louise Jones said everyone in the college is excited about welcoming students for the first time.

She said: "When we first showed the staff around, their eyes lit up when they saw how much space there was here."

"We are all looking forward to showing the students around and everyone is working really hard to get it all finished."

The new campus has been designed as a replacement for the outdated Longlands campus in Stourbridge and has been created by architects Pick Everard.

An original £31m scheme, on the old Brier School site, had to be scaled back at the start of the year after the Learning and Skills Council withdrew £15m of pledged funding.

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College vice-principal Louise Jones at the art and design campus



The campus's exterior is striking

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# Package holidays to the Black Country

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Dunwood Travel is laying on 24 coaches from as far afield as London, Scotland, Devon and Cornwall, the east coast and Newcastle-upon-Tyne. The trips will begin in April next year and run through until November.

The 1,200 holiday-makers will stay at the Station Hotel in Castle Hill, Dudley, opposite Dudley Zoo, where they will enjoy a carvery meal, with a "faggots and paes" option, a Black Country comedian and visit to the Black Country Living Museum.

There will also be trips out to other local attractions, which could include Walsall's arboretum and leather museum, Dudley's Merry Hill shopping centre, Stourport and Bridgnorth.

## Sell-out

Eight of the £79-a-head two-day trips – on Sundays and Mondays – have already sold out and staff from Dunwood Travel aim to fill more of the coaches when they dress up in Black Country garb to promote the trip at a group leisure and travel show at the NEC later this month.

"We carry 40,000 people a year on UK based holidays and traditionally they have been to seaside places but city breaks are becoming more popular," said Colin Duncan, aged 50, who co-founded Dunwood Travel.

"And Dudley, although it is not a city, has a theme to offer of years gone by."

## Emma's dream wheeled in

A teenager's wish came true as she enjoyed a spin on a motorbike thanks to a Black Country charity.

Emma Chambers, who had spent time on the children's ward at Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley, got to realise her ambition at Streetbike in Halesowen.

The 16-year-old former pupil at Earls High School, Halesowen had a spell on the ward for tests as she suffers from severe headaches.

While there she was asked to fill in a form describing her greatest wish by volunteer Steve Ford, from the Wishing Well charity. Emma, who will start classes at Halesowen College this month, was invited to Streetbike where she was able to ride a Yamaha Giggie bike and then was taken for trip out on a Yamaha R1.

Her mother Florence Jackson said: "She was very excited and it was a fantastic day for her. She has always been interested in motorbikes." Mr Ford said: "I am very grateful to Streetbike for organising this special day for Emma."



Emma Chambers, 16, on a Yamaha R1 with Carl Dodds from Streetbike in Halesowen

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# Supporters rally to give Yeltz' ground a facelift

Supporters have rallied round to transform the ailing ground of a Black Country football club in a boost for the new season.

Halesowen Town football club had lurched through a series of crises, faced relegation and had been on the brink of administration in the past three years.

But the club's loyal fans have been busy at its ground The Grove making urgent repairs and revamping supporters stands and hospitality areas. Volunteers have repainted boards at the stadium in team colours of blue and white.

The main grandstand, known as the Harry Rudge stand, has also had a coat of paint. The team dugouts have also been cleaned and painted as part of the restoration.

The non-league club is looking to the future after making its first appearance in the FA Cup over the weekend for two years after serving a ban from the competition.

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It was banned by football's governing body due to its financial issues. The team was beaten 2-1 by Rochester in the preliminary round.

Staffordshire-based businessman Steve Lynch took over at the Grove earlier this year from controversial former owners, brothers Godfrey and Graham Ingram.

### Neglected

Gary Willets, who has been chairman of supporters group The Yeltz Trust for the past three years, has decided to step down from his chairmanship in order to concentrate on his transport business.

"The reasons for my resignation are simple, for the past three years I have neglected my business at great personal cost to concentrate on trust business, as out of necessity, it entered battles with the two previous

owners," he said. "Taking into consideration the brighter outlook for the football club, I am now able to concentrate on my own business and family."

"I am proud of what the trust has achieved as there is no doubt Halesowen Town football club would not exist today had the trust not been formed." Trust member David Atkinson has become the new chairman of the trust which now takes a more active role at the club.

## Stylish fundraiser



Stylists Alison Fieldhouse, Brett Harris and Leanne Hadlington, from Blaze Hair, Kingswinford with, at top, zumba instructors, Claire Steel and Danni Steel

Fundraising hairdressers helped to generate cash for a children's hospital in style at a charity event hosted by a Kingswinford pub.

Visitors flocked to the fun day at The Old Courthouse in High Street which was organised by Brett Harris of the nearby Blaze Hair salon.

Money raised at the event, which gave people the chance to get their hair curled, plaited or pinned up, will be donated to Great Ormond Street Hospital. Other activities included a barbecue, bouncy castles, face painting and Zumba exercise classes.

There was also an auction with lots including signed Wolves and West Bromwich Albion shirts.

Salon owner Brett Harris said the team hoped the event would raise hundreds of pounds for the hospital.

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# Super slimmer loses 7 stone

When Gillian Parrish booked a narrowboat holiday, she feared she may be too big to get on board, and decided it was time to shed the pounds.

Now the Black Country super slimmer has lost so much weight that she has been able to fulfill a lifelong ambition to climb Snowdon. The 57-year-old dropped eight dress sizes from 30 to 14 after shedding seven stone in two years.

Mother-of-two Mrs Parrish, from Wordsley, said ditching fast food in favour of eating freshly-cooked meals, made from scratch at home, had helped her to lose the pounds. Her weight has dropped from 19st to 12st.

Mrs Parrish, a cashier at Booker Cash and Carry in Brierley Hill, has also become more active and regularly goes for walks. She also exercises at home on her Wii Fit console.

She had tried several dieting techniques but had struggled to find one that worked until she joined Slimming World two years ago, after being referred to the class by her doctor.

Now she is planning to run her own classes to inspire other people to shed the weight. "I had been overweight all my life and I had tried diets but they never worked," said Mrs Parrish, who is married to John and has two sons, James, 35, and Nick, 36.

"I booked a narrowboat holiday with my husband John but when I saw the boats at a show I realised how narrow they were and that I would have to keep jumping on and off," she said. "I was more determined to lose weight."

In June last year Mrs Parrish saw her dream to climb Snowdon come true. Her son Nick joined her on the challenge. Her efforts generated almost £300 for Midlands Air Ambulance.

Mrs Parrish's slimming classes will run Thursdays from September 8 at Pensnett & Bromley Liberal Club from 6pm to 7.30pm.

## Warning on unsolicited phone calls

People in the West Midlands have been warned to be on their guard following a spate of complaints about unsolicited telephone callers.

The callers falsely claim to be associated with a number of different organisations, including Micro-soft, Telephone Preference Service, a number of different banks, as well as government and local authority departments. They then attempt to get personal and banking information from residents so they can access their bank accounts.

Head of Worcestershire Regulatory Services, Steve Jorden, said: "Residents should never provide any personal or bank information to unsolicited callers."

## Nature walk

Walkers can enjoy a autumn stroll around a Dudley nature reserve later this month. The organised walk will take place at Saltwells Local Nature Reserve on September 28 from 10am.

## Mural for soldiers is showcased

A mural paying tribute to soldiers who lost their lives on the battlefield has been unveiled by a Black Country branch of the Royal British Legion. It has been painted on a wall at the back of the Kingswinford headquarters in Summerhill by Matthew Pearson.

The 27-year-old approached members at the branch and offered to design and paint the mural, which took five months to complete. It features giant red poppies alongside members of the armed forces.

Part-time shop worker Mr Pearson, of High Street, Pensnett, who studied fine art at Dudley College, said he was pleased with the finished painting, which he has signed and dated.

He said: "I've had a lot of compliments, which is really nice. When I'm not at work, I spend the rest of my time drawing and painting so it was nice to have a chance to work on a project like this."

Branch secretary Fred Gorman said: "The result is a fitting tribute to the Royal British Legion's 90 years of service. It is also a tribute to those from the local area who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in various wars and conflicts around the globe."



Front from left, branch chairman Alan Barratt, branch secretary Fred Gorman, centre, Artist Matthew Pearson and back from left Branch treasurer Tony Nock, and committee member and gardener John Bennett

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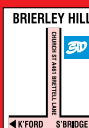
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Consultation Meetings



### Next Consultation Meeting

Dudley

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## Probe into school's leaders is complete

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An investigation into the leadership at a Black Country school has been completed by appointed officials.

Details on the outcome of the investigation into Olive Hill Primary School, in Halesowen, have not yet been published.

Education bosses at Dudley Council are remaining tight-lipped about any issues which could have sparked the investigation.

A report is being compiled following the examination into the leadership of the Springfield Road school in recent months.

Dudley joint branch secretary of National Union of Teachers, Jim Warner, confirmed the organisation was aware of the investigation.

### Commenting

But he said the union would not be commenting at this stage.

The council's director of children's services, Mark Wyatt, will run the rule over the report before taking action.

Cabinet member for children's services, Councillor Liz Walker, said: "The investigation at Olive Hill, which is looking at the overall leadership at the school, is now complete and a report is being prepared for the director of children's services to consider."

"A decision will be made in due course, based on the findings in the report."

The school was ranked as "satisfactory" by Ofsted inspectors during their last visit in February this year.

### Engine shuts for a facelift



Black Country Living Museum demonstrator Mike Dunn operating the Newcomen engine

A replica of an 18th century steam engine at the Black Country Living Museum in Dudley is now closed to the public so it can undergo a £40,000 facelift.

Industrialist Thomas Newcomen's 1712 engine transformed mining – and a Newcomen engine using original designs and

sourced from Black Country materials has been on display at the museum in Dudley for 25 years. But it is undergoing a revamp in time for the Newcomen 300th anniversary celebrations at the museum in July 2012. The programme will include replacing the wood head frame.

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## Pay freeze for trust bosses is extended

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A pay freeze for senior managers at Dudley's hospital trust has been extended for another 12 months to help make savings.

It will be the third year in a row that the 12 directors, including chief executive Paula Lark, have not had a rise.

The Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, which runs Russells Hall and the Guest hospitals in Dudley and the Corbett in Stourbridge needs to save £12million this financial year. The pay freeze was first introduced for 2009/10 and extended in 2010/11.

It means Ms Clark's salary will remain at between £180,000 and £185,000 while finance director Paul Assinder will stay on between £140,000 and £145,000.

Medical director Paul Harrison will pick up between £60,000 and £65,000, operations director Paul Brennan will receive between £135,000 and £140,000 and nursing director Denise McMahon will be paid between £115,000 and £120,000.

### Financial

Salaries for the non-executive directors will range between £10,000 and £15,000 to between £15,000 and £20,000.

Ms Clark said: "The Board of Directors at The Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust had a pay freeze in 2010/11 and this has continued in the 2011/12 year."

The hospital trust will also need to save £12million during the next two financial years.

Cutbacks already made include slashing opening hours for the canteen at Russells Hall Hospital and reducing the amount of time patients spend in hospital when they have an operation so they are admitted on the day of the surgery rather than the day before.

A handful of redundancies have been made in back office departments and bosses are continuing to review vacancies as they arise.

The hospital is also reviewing contracts for medical and stationery equipment and clinical supplies to make savings.

The hospital trust has recruited an advisor to help reduce the time patients spend on wards at Dudley's three hospitals.

The role was created as part of the Transformation project aimed at saving and reducing waste.

## Wartime art going to auction



Ron has also produced illustrations for Airfix model boxes and for many books on aircraft



Chris Aston, from Aston's Auctioneers in Dudley, with some of Ron Jobson's work ready for the sale in October

Images of Spitfires sweeping through the sky and soldiers fleeing enemy fire are part of 20 wartime illustrations going under the hammer in Dudley.

Former propaganda artist Ron Jobson, aged 88, created the artworks when he was drafted into the War Office as a member of the Royal Engineers during the Second World War.

He was instructed to create illustrations for propaganda posters being sent out across the country to show the glory of the RAF. The grandfather-of-six has given some of his artwork to Phil and Chris Aston of Aston's Auctioneers in Dudley to auction off

in October. Mr Jobson, who lives in London, became a full-time illustrator after the war. He lent his skills to comic book series called Space Kingly between 1952 and 1954, but one of his major commissions was for Airfix in the 1960s.

Various scenes of airplanes in flight, illustrating the models, were created to whet the appetite of eager modellers. In 1967 Mr Jobson was responsible for the illustrations on all of the Matchbox 1-75 Series model boxes for that year. Around 20 artworks will be on sale at auction house Baylies Hall, Tower Street, on October 15.

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Council members in Dudley have introduced two new ways for residents to be able to get in contact with them.

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Pictures of each councillor have been uploaded to the council's flickr page along with contact numbers, links to email addresses and information on the committees and agendas.

A poster has also been added to the council's website detailing all member's telephone numbers and committees they serve on.

Dudley Council leader Les Jones said: "We want to make sure that members are as accessible as possible and people have access to council committees and information."

"This is the first time we have added this information to flickr and I hope this will encourage more people to get involved with the council and the decision making process."

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## Hugh opens revamped tennis club

World champion cyclist Hugh Porter helped to cut the ribbon on a Black Country sports club's newly revamped tennis courts.

The 71-year-old Wulfrunian was guest of honour as patron of Halesowen Tennis Club where a £174,000 project to bolster the playing facilities has been completed.

The club, which is part of Halesowen Athletic and Cycling Club, has been refurbished and extended four courts at the Manor Way Stadium.

They were officially opened at a ceremony on Saturday where Mr Porter, who was joined by his wife and Olympic gold medalist swimmer Anita Lonsbrough, shared memories of his days spent on the courts.

"When I retired from cycling, I took up tennis and I took it up quite fanatically. I used to play in the third team for the Albert in Wolverhampton in the South Staffordshire Division 1. I remember being thrashed down the road at Quarry Bank so being here has brought back lots of memories. I am impressed with the new courts."

Mr Porter, who was 5,000 metre individual pursuit world champion four times in six years between 1968 and 1973, was also joined by Halesowen and Rowley Regis MP James Morris and Halesowen councillor Ray Burston. The new courts have been

extended by around seven feet to meet the Lawn Tennis Association's (LTA) standards. Money for the project has come from grants from organisations including the LTA as well as Halesowen Area Committee. Around £46,000 was raised by club members.



Hugh Porter and Anita Lonsbrough with, left, club chairman Dave Clarkson, Halesowen and Rowley Regis MP James Morris and Councillor Ray Burston



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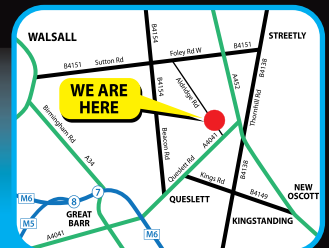
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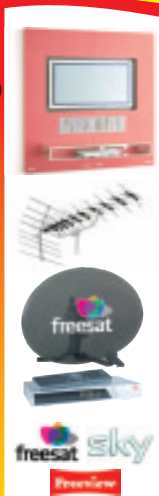
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## Recycling trials to extend in borough

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A plastic and cardboard recycling trial could be rolled out to the whole of the Dudley borough in a move that would save the council £500,000-plus a year.

Environment bosses say increasing the amount of recycling carried out would drive down incineration costs. A trial has been operating at around 11,000 homes in the borough for the last six months.

The council says there has been a positive response from residents.

The authority says it would need to invest in new refuse lorries as well as recycling bags and boxes for homes, but the spending would be covered in the increase in revenue from the recyclable materials collected, estimated to be around £500,000.

The reduction in incineration costs would save around £530,000 a year.

A report has been drawn up and a decision on whether to extend the trial will be made later this year.

### Benefit

Director of the urban environment John Millar says in the report: "The benefit of rolling out this service would be an increased recycling rate."

"This in turn will see an increase in the amount of recycling income received and also a decrease in the amount of waste sent for disposal."

Environment chief, Councillor David Stanley, said: "The trial has proven a great success and there are many advantages of extending it to the whole borough. We will now be analysing the data collected during the trial before making a decision."

The report will go before the environment scrutiny committee on September 7. The council already collects glass, cans and papers.

The trial began in October and was carried out in different parts of the borough including Brierley Hill, Pensnett, and Kingswinford. The overall average participation rate was 86.9 per cent across the borough.

## Howzat for a new pavilion



At the opening of the renovated pavilion are club chairman Harilal Patel, MP Margot James, club president Keith Jones and the Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Michael Evans

The restoration of a pavilion which is home to the historic Stourbridge Cricket Club has been completed.

Members of the club secured £33,200 of grants to repair the 86-year-old building at its War Memorial Athletic ground.

Dozens of young cricketers use the club each week to practise their skills. Harilal Patel, chairman of the

club, which was crowned Worcestershire County League champions this season, said: "We think that it is these general improvements off the field that have helped us on the field." Mr Patel joined club president Keith Jones to open the pavilion with guests including Stourbridge MP Margot James and the Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Michael Evans.

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# Funny old game as cars are stripped to the bare essentials



Adrian McMurray with cars to be processed



A car is lowered into the vat of stripping fluid



The shell after it has been stripped and cleaned

A metal processing firm in the Black Country has become an internet sensation thanks to a popular TV show.

More than half a million people have taken part in a quiz on the BBC's Top Gear website featuring Surface Processing Ltd in Dudley.

The company, which strips the shells of old cars to remove rust and old paint, attracted the attention of the show's producers who were looking for a new game for the site.

Players must guess the make and model of the car correctly from looking at a picture of a stripped-down body shell without any paintwork. At one point it was the most-read page on the site, even attracting more hits than a video of The Stig meeting Formula One star Sebastian Vettel.

And the business, which works on an average of 350 cars a year, has seen

a surge in trade since the quiz went live. Bosses are now taking on two new workers, to add to the 21 existing staff, to deal with the increase in orders.

Managing director Adrian McMurray said the television show's producers heard about the company through a mutual acquaintance.

## Amazing

"Who would have thought we were going to get half a million people looking at the state of our cars?"

"It's amazing and I'm so pleased we were asked to take part," he said.

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The vehicle then goes through a 19-stage painting process to put on a protective coat, which sees it dipped in various materials, before being "baked" in an oven at 185F.

Another layer can be added during the painting process to prevent it rusting again.

The average cost is about £1,500 per car and the majority of the firm's customers are classic car collectors who want to restore their buy to its former glory.

Recent projects have included a Ford Consul Capri, a Ford Escort Mark One and a Volkswagen Golf Mark One, while classic Mini Coopers also regularly pass through the company's base in Deepdale Lane.

Mr McMurray, who set up the firm in 1994, said: "With this process we clear out all the muck and rubbish, clear out the good majority of all the rust and you are left with a nice clear blank page on which to start the restoration."

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## Parking boost for town shoppers

Shoppers could get a bonus with double the number of free parking spaces in a Black Country high street in the wake of a multi-million pound redevelopment.

At least a dozen spaces could be created in Stourbridge's Lower High Street as part of a new plan.

The new spaces would be similar to the drive-in bays along one side of Lower High Street neighbouring King Edwards VI college.

They would replace the standard

parking bays which run up the right-hand side of the one way street approaching The Mitre pub.

Dudley Council bosses are looking at ways to create parking in the town during Tesco's £50 million redevelopment of the Crown Centre, which is due to start next year.

If the trial proves successful it could be made permanent. Transport engineers at the council are now looking into the viability of the plan.

A similar trial is taking place in

selected streets around Dudley town centre in a bid to boost trade and appease business owners.

Cabinet member for transport, Councillor Patrick Harley, said discussions were being held into practicality of the plans.

"It is something I'd definitely like to happen and preferably in time for Christmas," he said.

"I feel it is something that could be done reasonably quickly as the road is already a one-way system."

## Uncertain future for centres

The fate of up to 30 community centres across Dudley in need of £2.6million worth of upgrades and improvements hangs in the balance as council leaders prepare to vote on their future.

A report on the council-run centres – many of which are in a bad state of disrepair and need hundreds of thousands of pounds of investment to bring them up to legal standards – will be unveiled next month.

Councillors will vote on a course of action which leaders have admitted is "likely" to include closing some down and moving services.

The cost of upgrading the old buildings has been valued at £2.6million – around 10 times the council's annual budget for centres.

Community services chief, Councillor Lesley Faulkner, said the cabinet would vote on September 14.

Among those centres under threat is the Quarry Bank centre in Sheffield Street, where the Quarry Bank Operatics Society has met for 50 years. Upper Gornal Community Centre in Vale Street and Brockmoor Community Centre in Brettell Lane, Brierley Hill.

## Crown fun day raises £7,000

A pub packed in the punters for a fundraising day in aid of Stourbridge's Mary Stevens Hospice.

Chris Foxall, landlord of The Crown in Hagley Road, Stourbridge, has organised the annual event for the past six years.

During that time the fun day has raised more than £38,000 for the charity.

And this year, it is hoped the event will have raised more than £7,000 for the hospice. There was entertainment from an array of local groups who provided the musical entertainment while there was also an auction conducted by Dudley Council leader Les Jones, a tombola and a barbecue.

The hospice's fundraising development manager Janet Jones said: "Chris has proved to be a long-standing and committed supporter of Mary Stevens Hospice and we are most grateful to him and to his friends and regulars for organising this event."



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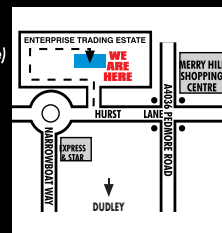
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# Roads to be closed as Titanic anchor on move

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A new evening and weekend fitness class timetable at Rowley Regis Learning Campus has been launched this week. The range of classes has been extended to include Bollywood aerobics, boxercise and the increasingly popular zumba. Classes are now available at the weekend and weekday evenings.

The new September timetable is available online at [www.slt-leisure.co.uk](http://www.slt-leisure.co.uk). More information is available by calling Raji Takhar on 0121 506 4980 or emailing [leisure@sandwell.gov.uk](mailto:leisure@sandwell.gov.uk).

Road closures will be in place around Netherton this Sunday as workers bring the replica 16-ton Titanic anchor back to the town.

Plans to move the 18ft long anchor from the Black Country Living Museum have been drawn up by Dudley Council highways bosses.

It will be taken the two mile journey from the museum, in Tipton Road, to Netherton's old Market Place on Sunday.

Halesowen Road and Northfield Road, adjacent to Netherton Arts Centre, will be closed between 6am and 2pm.

A large crane is going to be brought into the town to help lift the replica, which is a copy of the main anchor from the ill-fated passenger liner.

Residents are advised the transportation of the anchor is not being seen as

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a public ceremony. Work will continue at the site after it is transported to ensure it is securely in place before a public unveiling on September 17.

Councillor David Stanley, said, the Titanic anchor will be in place as part of the Netherton Nautical Day event which will host several activities to mark the return of the anchor.

### Display

It will feature market stalls, street theatre, and a display on the history of the Titanic. But the highlight will be the official unveiling of the anchor.

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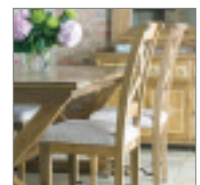
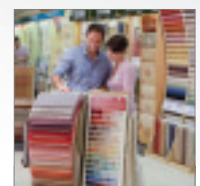
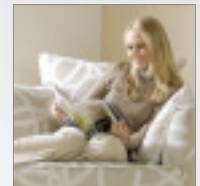
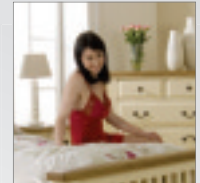
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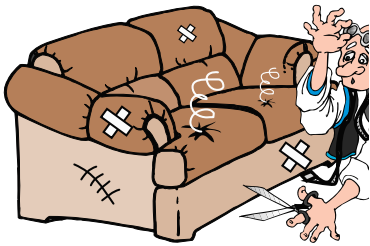
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# Redundancy pay set to be cut

Workers at Dudley Council leaving through redundancy could see their severance payout cut. Employees have the right to a payment if they are made redundant and have two years continuous employment with the council.

The amount of the redundancy payment is calculated using a statutory formula, which is based on age, length of service and salary which is multiplied to calculate the final payout. That is now set to be changed which will lead to lower payments for

those leaving the authority. Bosses at the cash-strapped authority want to get rid of 427 posts by next April and around 350 have already left the council through voluntary redundancy. Around 25 have also gone through compulsory redundancy.

Councillor Tim Wright, cabinet member for human resources, law and governance at Dudley Council, said: "Local authorities have the discretion to have an enhanced severance scheme and Dudley uses a multiplier to calculate severance pay-

ments. This has been reviewed in light of the current economic climate and the proposal is to reduce it from 2.2 to 1.5. The reduction will lead to a saving, in terms of the costs associated with future redundancies."

He added: "This proposal is that this will come into effect for all staff, including teachers. The same multiplier is used for both compulsory and voluntary redundancies."

Bosses say they cannot yet calculate how much money the changes will save the local authority.

## Museum seeking workers

More than 20 jobs are up for grabs at the Black Country Living Museum in Dudley.

The tourist attraction in Tipton Road is looking to take on a selection of casual guides and demonstrators who will be asked to staff events which will be coming up at the venue over the coming months.

The posts are expected to prove a popular draw when bosses advertised 10 casual posts early last year, more than 240 applications from across the region flooded into the venue.

The final number of positions in the latest round of recruitment is still to be finalised but workers will be helping out with a series of events which include celebrating Halloween and Christmas.

Museum spokeswoman Angela Clay said workers would be expected to work during the day and the evening.

The closing date for applications is September 11.

For more information about the museum log on to [www.bclm.co.uk](http://www.bclm.co.uk).

## Bostin's blokes invited to walk

Forget feather boas, pink themes and midnight bra walks - a Black Country charity is hosting a sponsored stroll through the countryside specifically for men.

The Bostin' Blokes' Bummel has been organised by sponsors at the Beacon Centre for the Blind in Wolverhampton Road, Sedgley, who decided to get men involved in fundraising as, they said, it all too often falls to women.

The men-only circular hike on October 22 will take walkers on a 16km or 10km walk from the Dudley King'swinford Rugby Club in Wall Heath, along the Staffordshire and Worcestershire canal, before settling down for a pie and a pint with free entry to the rugby club's match against Longton.

All proceeds will go to the centre's work with blind and visually impaired people.

Organiser Iwan Thomas, of Beacon Centre sponsors Iwan Thomas Associates, is now appealing for more men to get involved.

He said: "There are lots of women's walks all over the region - I thought it was time that we lads showed them we can do better."

To register, call the centre on 01902 880111 or visit [www.beacon4blind.co.uk](http://www.beacon4blind.co.uk)



Organiser Iwan Thomas looks forward to a pie and a pint at the end of the hike

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### Isle of Wight • Corner House Hotel

The Corner House Hotel is set in the glorious resort of Sandown within walking distance of the beach, pier and shops

- Included excursions:**
- Traditional village of Godshill
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**4 Days • 3 Nights:**  
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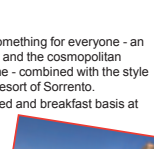
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	18.30-19.30	Circuit
	19.30-20.30	Zumba
	20.30-21.30	Miss Fitted Dance Adults
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**Halesowen, Blackheath, Cradley Heath**  
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Blackheath has many transport links with buses travelling throughout the borough and Rowley Regis railway station is nearby.

Football team Blackheath Town FC play in the West Midlands (Regional) League Division One (South).

Judas Priest guitarist Glenn Tipton was born in Blackheath.

With rising traffic on local roads after the Second World War, Blackheath became a congestion hotspot. Things improved slightly with the construction of a new road around the north of the town centre towards the end of the 1970s, but this was only of use to traffic coming to and from Cradley Heath and Brierley Hill. Motorists travelling from Quinton still had to negotiate the original route that was little better than it had been in the days before cars. This problem was solved in 2006 with a new relief road that circles the eastern half of the town centre and diverts traffic coming from Halesowen, Quinton and Oldbury.


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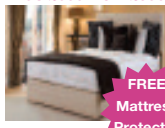
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### On your Door Step

#### Regional Gems 1

If you look closely at the region of Halesowen, Blackheath, Rowley Regis and Cradley Heath you will find a wealth of genuinely wonderful businesses that meet, exceed or anticipate their customers' needs consistently. The region has some truly world class organisations hidden away right across the territory. Streetbike at Mucklow Hill are amongst the best in their industry, cooler than the other side of the pillow, this state of the art showroom is a haven for bikers from all over the West Midlands. All of the businesses on this page are champions in their own right; some going the extra mile to satisfy customer demand and Parkes Fish and Chip shop are a fine example of this, dedicating Sundays to producing Gluten Free suppers for Coeliac disease sufferers throughout the area. Each of these advertisers are Winners and have continued to trade through the difficult recession, coming out the other end stronger and more determined to remain an integral part of the region. So show your support and place your trade locally, this will ensure that your community continues to thrive and prosper no matter what the financial climate throws at it!

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Steve Mott, from Perrycrofts and his two sons, Ben from Glascote and Sam from Stonydelph turned to Gary Marshall, formerly of Fazeley, to help turn their dreams into reality. Gary was the son of Ken Marshall, who ran Herald outlet "Marshall's News" on Deer Park estate throughout the 70's and 80's.

*"I'd thought about getting a bike for my daily commute to Brum for years", said Steve, "And when the two lads turned up at my house on their 125's one day - that was it!"*

Ben and Sam might have lit the fuse under dad by turning up on their bikes but Steve took it a stage further by bypassing the smaller 125cc machines and going straight to training for his full bike licence and moving straight up to a bigger bike.

*"At Gary's Suzuki and Yamaha motorcycle showroom, Streetbike in Halesowen, they have a rider training school on site which meant I could train to my license and get my 650cc Suzuki Gladius Motorcycle in one deal at one place. I'd known Gary from his Marshall's News days which was important to me 'cos when you're doing something like this you need to trust the people you're dealing with. The training was done safely and professionally and I was on my new Suzuki in a month".*

And the two lads - Well they weren't having that, so they were straight on the phone to Gary to book their training too...and order their bikes at the same time.

*Sam - "It was easy. Training, license and bike in one deal. And the real clincher was Suzuki offering Comprehensive insurance for £99 on the bike I wanted".*

*Ben - "Yes. It was a no brainer in the end. And the Suzuki SV650S bikes we've had are perfect "First Big Bikes". Real fun to ride".*

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A view totally echoed by the two lads. As Sam says, *"We got into bikes to save money and that's been great but it's the scene and people that will keep us hooked on bikes".*

Gary says

*"It's been a great journey, keeping my Tamworth connections alive and getting the whole Mott family through their tests and on to bikes. It's been an inspiration to us all at Streetbike. So much so, that we are now launching a whole "Ticket to Ride" programme where we manage the lot, from novice to license to bike as safely, professionally and quickly as possible...with the emphasis always on safety. It's already proving a hit".*

Streetbike are the biggest Suzuki & Yamaha motorcycle dealers in the Midlands from where it has been trading for over 25 years. Streetbike

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The Fountain Arcade, intimate undercover shopping area, runs between the Market Place and Tower Street and has some of the town's most interesting specialist shops.

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Churchill Shopping Centre again offers undercover shopping that will appeal to a very wide age range. Trident Shopping Centre can be accessed via

High Street towards St. Thomas's Church and Wolverhampton Street.

Dudley's indoor market hall that provides a host of goods and services, and Spencers Market is in the Market Place and sells electrical goods, ladies and gents fashions, babywear, lingerie, handbags, shoes, greeting cards, flowers and pet foods, while it also has butchers and a café to relax in.

Shoppers are spoiled for choice in Halesowen with many big High Street names including Boots, Wilkinsons, Dorothy Perkins and Iceland. The Cornbow Shopping Centre is a privately owned centre located in the heart of the town with many national retailers.

The street market in Halesowen offers fresh farm produce and a wide range of crafts at the gathering which takes place on the second Saturday of every month.

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Halesowen also has a variety of smaller retailers selling a wide range of goods, and as with many town centres, there's a good selection of charity shops including Oxfam, Help the Aged and Save the Children.

Stourbridge's town centre also has a great deal to offer.

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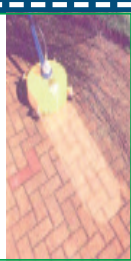
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**9.00 Breakfast** 9.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 9.30 BBC News. 9.30 Regional News. 9.30 Formula 1: The Italian Grand Prix - Qualifying. The battle for grid positions from Monza (Start-time 10.00pm). 9.40 Live Golf: Walker Cup. The opening day of the Royal Aberdeen Golf Club. 9.40 First Score. 10.00 BBC News. 10.00 Regional News. 10.00 Weather. 10.00 10.15

**9.10 Strictly Come Dancing** Live. 9.10. Strictly Come Dancing: the pre-elimination contest, with guest star Dolly Parton.

**9.15 Doctor Who**. Amy is trapped in a quarantine facility for victims of an alien plague, and with the Time Lord incapacitated, it is up to Rory to break in and rescue her.

**9.30 The Hollow of Liberty: Special Update**. A mother and daughter answer questions in the high-stakes quiz show hosted by Bill Kinloch. Q1: Rory presides the all-important draw.

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**9.00 CBeebies** 9.00 CBBC. 9.00 The Sky at Night. 9.00 The Great British Bake Off. 9.00 Escape to the Country. 9.00 EastEnders. 9.00 Moton. 9.00 Pharmacy. 9.00 Live Golf: Walker Cup. Further coverage of the opening day of the Royal Aberdeen Golf Club.

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**9.00 All Star Family** 9.00. Red of Blood: Art and Design: the final edition.

**9.15 The X Factor** 9.15. Gary Barlow, Kelly Rowland, Tulisa Contostavlos and Louis Walsh continue their search for the next big thing in music, as more singers perform at the auditions.

**9.15 Red of Blood: Redline**. The two remaining finalists compete for the chance to win £1 million. Last in the series.

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**ITV3** 9.55 Jane Eyre. 9.55 Agatha Christie's Marple. 9.55 Agatha Christie's Poirot. 9.00 A Touch of Frost. 9.05 Gunther's Tale.

**ITV4** 9.55 Live Cycling: Vuelta a España. Stage 20 from Bilbao to Vitoria. 9.00 British Touring Car Championship Highlights. 9.00 Police, Camera, Action! 9.00 Cycling: Vuelta a España. 9.00 Rugby World Cup Highlights. 9.00 UEFA Champions League Greatest Goals. 9.00 Film: Ticker (2001). 9.05 Film: Crank (2006).

**BBC THREE** 9.00 Top Gear. 9.00 Doctor Who Confidential. 9.05 World's Greatest Football. 9.05 Film: Face/Off (1997). Action thriller, starring John Travolta and Nicolas Cage. 9.05 Family Guy.

**BBC FOUR** 9.00 Live. 9.00 Michael Ondaatje's Story of England. 9.00 Spirit. 9.00 The Story of Variety with Michael Grade. 9.00 The Sky at Night.

**ITV** 9.55 Movie: Look Good Feel Great. 9.00 Film: Just My Luck (2006). 9.05 One Tree Hill. 9.05 The Big Bang Theory. 9.05 Perfect Couples. 9.05 How I Met Your Mother. 9.05 Happy Endings. 9.05 Film: Mr & Mrs Smith (2005). Comedy starring Will Smith and Michael Yea. 9.05 The Cleveland Show.

**FILM** 9.00 Cheaper by the Dozen (1950). 9.05 Gary Oldman. 9.05 (1974). 9.05 Salina (2005). 9.00 X-Men (2000). 9.05 Outbreak. 9.05 Adventure, starring Hugh Jackman. 9.00 Ben Wheatley on Kill List. 9.05 Rosemary's Baby (1968). Horror, starring Mia Farrow.

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3.30 Peel History of Britain, 7.10 Live At 100, The  
Memorial Day Diaries, 8.00 Digging for Britain,  
8.30 G3, 8.30 Newswatch, 9.00 The  
100th Anniversary of the First World  
War, 9.00 The Great British Bake Off, 9.00  
Draughtsman's Contract, 10.00 Drama, starring  
Anthony Headline, 10.50 BBC News

**ITV1** 6.00 Daybreak; 7.30 Live Rugby World Cup; New Zealand v Japan (Kick-off 8.00pm); The Morning Show; 9.00 Live!; 10.00 ITV News; Weather; 1.55 Regional News; Weather; 2.00 Dickiehead; Red Deal; 3.00 The Phil Bealman Show; 3.50 Regional Weather; 4.00 Millionaire; Murder (P) 5.00 The Chase; 6.00 Regional News; Weather; 6.30 ITV News; Weather; 7.00 Emmerdale; 7.30 Coronation Street; 8.00 Love Your Garden; 8.30 Coronation Street; 8.50 DCI Banks; 9.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather; 9.15 Regional News; 9.30 The Bill; Action Stations; Moving On (R) 10.15 Rugby World Cup Highlights; 10.30 The Zone; ITV News Headlines; 11.00 Flint Outback (1981); 11.15 Live

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# Chevrolet finds a spark at the show with Volt



Chevrolet's Volt was first through the door at the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders exhibition

THE revolutionary Chevrolet Volt has been welcomed as the first vehicle to appear in the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders' (SMMT) showroom-style exhibition area at its new premises in the heart of Westminster.

The space provides an opportunity to highlight the breadth and scale of the modern UK automotive industry to visitors and passers-by in a prime, central London location.

The Volt was driven onto its new display stand in electric-only mode and even managed to avoid London's Congestion Charge en route thanks to its innovative electric drivetrain, E-REV (Extended-Range Electric Vehicle), which powers the car's wheels directly.

## Battery

The petrol engine generates power for the battery, giving the car a maximum range of 60 miles in full electric mode.

The Chevrolet Volt has already won several awards in the USA, where the vehicle was crowned North American Car of

the Year, as well as winning recognition from titles such as Motor Trend and Automobile Magazine.

The Volt goes on sale in the UK in March 2012, and is eligible for the full £5,000 from the government's plug-in car grant.

Customers interested in finding out more about the Chevrolet Volt can visit the dedicated Volt customer site at [www.voltchevrolet.co.uk](http://www.voltchevrolet.co.uk).

## Parent

The Chevrolet brand celebrates its centenary this year, and is the world's fourth largest car brand.

Its parent company, General Motors, announced the Chevrolet brand would be coming to Europe at the 2004 Paris Motor Show, and launched the brand in all major European markets, including the UK, in 2005.

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SX4 range official fuel consumption figures in mpg (l/100km): urban from 32.5 (8.7) to 42.8 (6.6), extra urban from 50.4 (5.6) to 60.1 (4.7), combined from 42.2 (6.7) to 53.3 (5.3). Official CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from 155g/km to 139g/km. Swift range official fuel consumption figures in mpg (l/100km): urban from 41.5 (6.8) to 55.4 (5.1), extra urban from 57.6 (4.9) to 78.5 (3.6), combined from 50.4 (5.6) to 67.3 (4.2). Official CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from 129g/km to 109g/km. \*Splash range official fuel consumption figures in mpg (l/100km): urban from 40.4 (7.0) to 48.3 (6.1), extra urban from 56.5 (5.0) to 62.8 (4.5), combined from 49.6 (5.7) to 55.4 (5.1). Official CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from 133g/km to 119g/km.

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Kia's Rio will have its UK public debut at Ecovelocity, the low carbon motor festival

## Kia parades Rio hatchback on the ecological catwalk

Kia will be showing a selection of its environmentally conscious EcoDynamics models at this week's EcoVelocity Low Carbon Motor Festival in London.

The new Rio hatchback will make its UK public debut at the exhibition.

Visitors to the show, held from September 8-11 in the grounds of Battersea Power Station, will have the opportunity to inspect the all-new Rio and the new Picanto city-car at close quarters, as well as low-emission versions of the cee'd family hatchback and Sportage crossover on a purpose built test route.

Test drives in the congestion charge-exempt Picanto will be available on a

turn-up and drive basis.

The new Rio is set to be the cleanest non-electric vehicle in the world - emitting just 85g/km CO<sub>2</sub> and offering 88.3mpg in 1.1 CRDi 111 guise - when it goes on sale on 1st September.

The extremely efficient three-cylinder diesel engine is aided in its quest to deliver ultra low CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by longer gearing, a stop-start system, low-rolling resistance tyres and aerodynamic tweaks to reduce drag.

### Emissions

Joining the Rio on the Kia stand will be the recently launched Picanto.

Available now for the first time in both

three- and five-door versions, the new Picanto is offered with a 99g/km 1.0-litre engine and a 1.25-litre with emissions from 100g/km when combined with Kia's 'Intelligent Stop and Go' stop-start system.

Kia's stylish Sportage crossover, with its 135g/km 1.7 CRDi EcoDynamics turbodiesel and the cee'd hatchback with its very low 103g/km 1.6 CRDi turbodiesel will also be on display.

For more information about Kia's EcoDynamics range of vehicles go to [www.kia.co.uk](http://www.kia.co.uk) and for further details about the EcoVelocity show, or to buy tickets, go to [www.ecovelocity.co.uk](http://www.ecovelocity.co.uk).

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# Audi's fresh power quartet



The Audi S8 is a large and luxurious top of the range saloon



The Audi S6 has average fuel consumption of 29.1mpg

THE 2011 Frankfurt Motor Show will play host to four high-performance Audi S models sharing one new eight-cylinder engine. The new powerplant enables them to counterbalance outputs of up to 520PS with the potential for up to 29mpg.

The new bi-turbo V8, incorporating cylinder-on-demand technology and a host of other advances, replaces the naturally aspirated V10 FSI engine in the all-new S6, S6 Avant and S8 models, and in the process improves economy by as much as 25 per cent. It is also at the heart of a completely new addition to the S quattro Series – the new S7 Sportback.

In the S6 and S6 Avant the new 4.0-litre, twin-turbo V8 delivers ample power with fuel economy in keeping with the times. It appears here in 420PS form, and provides a constant 550Nm of torque from 1,400 to 5,300rpm, enough to catapult the S6 from 0 to 62mph in 4.8 seconds and the S6 Avant in 4.9 seconds, and to spur them on to an electronically governed top speed of 155mph.

## Performance

The 4.0 TFSI brings Audi's downsizing strategy to the high-performance class. Compared to the 5.2-litre V10, it offers even stronger performance while reducing fuel consumption by as much as 25 per cent. Average fuel consumption is 29.1mpg in the S6 and 28.8mpg in the S6 Avant, well above that of the competition.

The two new S models are fitted as standard with adaptive air suspension in its firmer "sport" configuration. The tautly tuned air suspension with variable damping lowers the body by 10mm, and provides for highly precise handling without compromising comfort. Four 19-inch cast aluminium wheels in a unique five parallel spoke design frame the black calipers of the powerful front and rear internally ventilated disc brakes, which can be replaced by carbon fibre-ceramic discs as an option.

The Audi S7 Sportback uses the same engine as the S6 and S6 Avant – the new 4.0 TFSI with 420PS and 550Nm of torque. The twin-turbo V8 accelerates the five-door coupe from 0 to 62mph in 4.9 seconds, and top speed is limited to 155mph. The cultivated eight-cylinder, which uses Audi's "cylinder on demand" technology under part load, achieves an impressive combined economy figure of 29.1mpg.

The S7 Sportback is fitted as standard with adaptive air suspension sport and the Audi drive select dynamics system. Mounted behind the 19-inch wheels are large, internally ventilated disc brakes front and rear. Their black calipers are stamped with S7 logos at the front. Carbon fibre-ceramic discs are available as an option. Other chassis options include 20-inch wheels and dynamic steering, which varies its ratio as a function of speed.

## Sublime

The Audi S8 is the new head of the Audi S model family – a large and luxurious saloon that can deliver sublime comfort or supreme excitement as required. The new 4.0-litre TFSI in the S8 generates no less than 520PS and delivers a constant 650Nm of torque to the crankshaft between 1,700 and 5,500rpm. The result is outstanding performance: the sprint from zero to 62mph takes just 4.2 seconds, and top speed is electronically capped at 155mph.

This makes the fuel consumption of the sonorous and smooth twin-turbo V8 all the more amazing: It averages 27.7mpg on the combined cycle, a considerable gain over its competitors, and its predecessor – the 5.2-litre V10 in the previous S8 posted 21.4mpg in the equivalent test. This has been achieved despite a 70PS increase in output.

The new Audi S8 strikes its impressive balance between performance and efficiency with the combined technologies of the Audi modular efficiency platform, including the recuperation and start-stop systems. The newly developed "cylinder on demand" technology also plays a very significant role.

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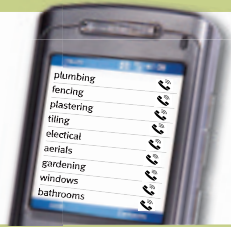
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# DK get wake up call in new league campaign

DUDLEY KINGSWINFORM 7 SOUTH LEICESTER 20

DK opened their new league campaign at home to South Leicester and soon realised what life will be like in this new league.

Defence will be key and on this occasion the visitors proved too strong for the home side to break through, with on many occasions two or three defenders converging on the ball carrier.

With virtually the same squad that swept all before them last season a steep learning curve will be required to mount a similar campaign this time out. There was no disgrace in losing as the visitors were league leaders for a long period last season and only fell away at the end.

Without last season's top point's scorer, Gareth Bown, and top try scorer, Stefan Shillingford, league debuts were handed to colts centre Greg Lewis and wing Duncan Chance having made a full recovery from his broken jaw sustained in his brief appearance as a replacement against Whitchurch last season.

Jordan Brookes returned at scrum half following two seasons with Loughborough Students in National 2 with Adam Blackford also making a return to first team rugby after last season spent coaching the colts.

## Electing

Winning the toss and electing to play into the surprisingly strong wind, the home side found themselves under early pressure conceding a penalty almost from the kick off which the visitor's fly half Mark Ward pushed wide of the post.

After absorbing early pressure the home side came into the game with some strong driving play and were rewarded for their efforts when scrum half Jordan Brookes squeezed through the narrowest of gaps to score close in which was converted by fly half Jon Higgins.

The home side were conceding too many penalties to get any control of the game relying on desperate defence to keep the visitors at bay. From one penalty on 11 minutes Mark Ward converted to post the first score for the visitors to make it 7-3.

The game ebbed and flowed with increasing pressure from the visitors resulted in a fine try by their dynamic left wing Kyle Colman who appeared in the centre at pace cutting through the floundering DK defence to score close in with the conversion by fly half Mark Lord.

The home side were coming under increasing pressure and a misunderstanding between full back Simon Fletcher and Duncan Chance from a high kick nearly resulted in another try for the visitors.

From the resultant mauled Fletcher was rather harshly sin binned. South Leicester increased the pressure and just before half time visitor were rewarded with a further try



Scrum half Jordan Brookes tackles a South Leicester forward.

when second row Stuart Bale appeared in the centre to receive the scoring pass and stroll in between the posts converted by fly half Mark Lord.

The visitors opened the second half strongly and laid siege to the DK line but resolute home defence thwarted the attacks.

From this stage in the game the visitors then appeared to dramatically change their tactics and resorted to a very defensively minded approach more intent on containing the home side rather than continuing with the attacking flair they displayed in the first half.

Maybe a change at fly half was the reason as Mark Lord was replaced by Rikki Alef at half time and he seemed content to kick for the corners to keep DK away from their line. However, he did land one long penalty from the 10 metre line into the wind to increase the visitor's lead after

Jordan Brookes was penalised at the breakdown.

The home side continued to apply the pressure and both Jordan Brookes and Jon Higgins were held up just short of the line.

However, from promising attacking positions either penalties or wrong options cost the home side dearly with the visitors line at their mercy. Even when the visitors were down to 13 men following the sin binning of two of their back row DK could not find the key to unlock the resolute visitors defence.

All in all a creditable performance but certainly leave the coaching team with work to do in training next week, especially with regard to set pieces, particularly the line out which unusually creaked under pressure from the visitors.

*Next fixture - Saturday September 10, Broadstreet, home, kick-off 3pm.*

## A late flurry gives victory to Glassboys

Evo-stik League Southern Premier Division

STOURBRIDGE 2 CHESHAM UNITED 1

Stourbridge staged a stunning fightback in the last 15 minutes to snatch an unlikely victory.

The Glassboys looked to be heading for their first defeat of the season when already trailing by one goal to nil, they had Sean Geddes sent off in the 70th minute for lashing out at Bruce Wilson, however being a man light seemed to spur the hosts into life and two late goals sent the home crowd away in bemused delight.

In a generally tight opening half, Chesham made the brighter start to proceedings and they carved out the first chance of the afternoon in the seventh minute as a ball in from Scott Thomas was touched on by Dave Fotheringham, however Simon Thomas could not keep his volley down and his effort flew over.

Stourbridge were slow to get going, however some better play on 18 minutes saw Aaron Griffiths deliver a testing cross from the left that was pushed away by visiting keeper Shane Gore, under pressure from Ryan Rowe, to the feet of James Dyson, but Gore did well to parry away the ensuing shot from the Glassboys' midfielder.

Three minutes later Chesham full-back John Kyriacou tried to catch out Lewis Solly with a quickly taken free-kick from some distance out and as the home custodian back-pedalled, he appeared to touch the ball over the crossbar, although a goal-kick was awarded by the officials.

Stourbridge then created the best chance of the first period in the 29th minute as a Geddes pass was deflected into the path of Leon Broadhurst on the edge of the box who struck his low shot past Gore's left-hand post.

Two minutes after the restart however, the Buckinghamshire visitors broke the deadlock. An excellent cross from the right by Kyriacou enabled Leon Archer to rise at the far post and direct a header back across Solly and into the opposite corner of the net.

Chesham almost added a second with Solly forced to make a parried save to his right to keep out a drive from Fotheringham, Stourbridge were struggling to open up the visitors defence and they were left facing an uphill task with 20 minutes remaining when Geddes deservedly saw red after clashing with Wilson, however five minutes later the Glassboys grabbed an equalising goal.

A free-kick pushed down the left flank by Griffiths was not cut out and Ben Billingham managed to swing over a cross that caught the Chesham back-line cold and Rowe stole in to glance a close range header inside the far post.

At that stage Stourbridge would have been happy with a point, but things got even better for the hosts five minutes from time as an Aaron Drake through ball released Linden Dovey away down the middle and he skipped past Gore before slotting the ball into the empty net for a remarkable turnaround and Gary Hackett's men held firm.

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## A real game of two halves

### WARSTONES 1AFC SMETHWICK 1

Newly promoted Smethwick gave Warstones a run for their money in this highly competitive game which could have gone either way had both teams been sharper in front of goal.

Warstones went ahead when a mix-up between two Smethwick defenders was punished.

Smethwick responded but couldn't round off some impressive play with a goal. But they were level just before the

break when a cross from the left was headed on by Wemm for Lewis to head in. The second half saw Smethwick dominate proceedings but they were guilty of squandering a number of openings.

The introduction of new signing McFarland gave Smethwick some added flair and a great through ball from him created a chance that Lewis failed to take.

Warstones came close in the last minute when Dodds pushed a shot wide of the post.

# HILL STAY SOLID TO GRAB THE VICTORY

## Late snatch leaves Tivs with a draw

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### OLD HILL (20 POINTS) 234-2 BEAT WOMBOURNE (3 POINTS) 233-7 BY 8 WICKETS

Having won the toss, the First XI elected to field against rivals Wombourne at Haden Hill and removed both openers with just 47 runs on the board.

Then some steady batting by Mike Hill (40), Alex Hughes (31) and later Adam Quiney (24) coupled with an explosive innings by Liam Hughes (72 not out including six 4's and four 6's) pushed the visitors score past 200.

Nigel Davenport bowled well for Old Hill and took 2-50 off his 17 overs and Alex Hill's (2-20) gave him good backing at the death as Wombourne posted a respectable score of 233-7 wickets off their 50 overs.

Captain Nathan Round then opened the batting for the home side with Mike Hingley and, in the 8th over, the partnership was worth 50 runs due mainly to the quick fire batting of the Captain who reached his half century with some beautiful stroke play all round the wicket.

For the second consecutive match, their opening stand reached three figures before Hingley was out stumped by Ian Walker for 33 with the score on 137 in the 28th over. Dan Cox came and went quickly as the visitors bowlers found their line and length before Nitesh Patel (39 not out) including four 4's and three 6's and Round who scored a magnificent 146 not out off just 132 balls including seventeen 4's and two 6's, saw Old Hill to victory with 6.5 overs left, as the match was completed in semi darkness.

### WEST BROMWICH DARTMOUTH (2 POINTS) 177-9 LOST TO OLD HILL (20 POINTS) 178-2 BY 8 WICKETS.

The Second XI visited Sandwell Park for their game against West Bromwich Dartmouth and having won the toss invited the hosts to bat first.

The Dartmouth batsmen were soon in trouble thanks to a brilliant opening spell of bowling by Old Hill's Connor Smith who took 5 wickets in his first 7 overs as the home side were restricted to 177-9 wickets off their allotted 50 overs.

Connor Smith returned figures of 11-2-38-5 and was ably assisted by Ollie Moseley (who just missed out on a hat trick) with an analysis of 7-1-10-3.

In reply, the visitors innings were opened by Joe Thorn (17) and Shezad Aslam and they soon had the scoreboard ticking over before being parted on 48. Hamza Ahmed then joined Aslam and they both batted very well together before Shezad (90) was out just short of his century, which left Ahmed (59 not out) to see Old Hill home with 18 overs to spare.

This was another tremendous victory for the Second XI in the top Division.

### Sunday September 4 WATERFRONT (0 POINTS) 234-7 LOST TO OLD HILL (10 POINTS) 249-5 BY 15 RUNS.

The Sunday XI made the short journey to Chaddesley to take on Waterfront in their Border League game.

Old Hill batted first on a damp wicket but made light of the tricky conditions to put together a formidable total of 249 off their 40 overs. Leading the way for the visitors were Mike Hingley (121) who hit a superb century closely followed by Captain Carl Whyte with a brilliant 53 not out.

The Waterfront's reply got off to a good start and the openers had 90 runs on the board in 11 overs before being parted by spinner Nick Couzens who took three quick wickets to finish with the excellent return of 3-28.

However, the home side never gave up as the match was completed in almost complete darkness with the rain clouds gathering but Old Hill held their nerve to win by the narrow margin of 15 runs.

Derek Griffiths

## Heathens ride on to win and come out unscathed

Dudley got their double desire at "Monmore Wood" on Tuesday night – victory and a clean bill of health.

Those may not seem lofty ambitions, but after a torrid post-Pours run of six defeats in seven matches which has seen nasty injuries for Adam Roynon, Richard Franklin, Jon Armstrong and Kyle Newman, the Heathens were happy to take what was on offer.

Lynn produced glimpses of spirited opposition in wet and slushy conditions – it was only the track staff's Trojan toiling on the afternoon which got the match on at all – but Dudley were superior in pretty well all departments.

Guest Adam Allott, who had notched a five-ride maximum for Buxton at the circuit last week, added a further four victories to be unbeaten again – but this time in the red helmet colour.

Allott displayed the family sharpness at the tapes – and was allowed a criminal flier in heat 13 – but there's more to him than just a quick clutch hand. He had to work very hard indeed to get past James Cockle in heat six but managed it on the back straight of the final lap.

Cockle's three heat wins represented the biggest threat from Lynn, while Lewis Blackbird grabbed a couple too. Like Cockle, he won his double-point tactical ride – with the black and white helmet

### DUDLEY 57 KING'S LYNN 39 by Tim Hamblin

perhaps more of a magpie than a Blackbird – but his dice with Ashley Morris to do so, which took place in heat 11 with the conditions arguably at their worst, did both of them great honour.

They were wheel to wheel on the third and fourth corners on three of the four laps without either ever looking likely to come to grief.

Morris, captain in the injury absence of more seasoned campaigners, also had to shoulder the responsibility of the number five racejacket in a switch by team boss Will Pottinger and his paid 13 featured a super win from the back in heat four and continued the return to form signalled by his nine points in the National League Riders Championship at the weekend.

### Grafted

Also back on the button were the stylish Darryl Ritchings and the racey Tom Perry, while Jamie Courtney produced a rock solid paid 10 and Danny Stoneman grafted hard for his third places.

Injuries and a loss of form at the wrong time scuppered Dudley's ambitions for the campaign but this final league match of the season offered a tantalising glimpse into what might have been.

## Hawks in close game

### BOYS LEAGUE

#### Halas Hawks West 4 Kingswinford 2

Halas Hawks U9s West took on Kingswinford in a close fought game which either side could have won. Halas took the lead through man of the match Jayke Adams but Kingswinford equalised before half time. After the break Kingswinford went ahead 2-1 but Halas upped their game, scoring further goals through Adams, Anthony Andreou and George Priest to make the final score 4-2.

#### Halas Hawks 2 Netherton 1

The U9s East won 2-1 against a strong Netherton Colts in an end to end game which saw Halas go behind before Jack Plant scored an equaliser followed by the winner from the penalty spot scored by Jack Whitehouse. Man of the match was a debut performance by goalkeeper, Isaac Gould.

#### Gornal Colts 0 Halas Hawks West 1

The U10s West travelled to Gornal where the game was heading for a stalemate until a wonder strike from man of the match, Cameron Russell, gave Halas a 1-0 win.

#### Halas Hawks West 4 Trysull Tiger 2

The U11s West started strongly against Trysull and took control of the match from the outset with some excellent attacking football. Halas took a 4-0 lead into the

break with goals from Jack Bissell, George Shingleton, Callum Hudson and Jack Clews but in the second half they came under pressure and conceded two goals. Excellent defending kept Trysull from further scoring and Halas earned a well deserved 4-2 win. Man of the match went to goalkeeper, Nathan Kennings.

#### Dudley Juniors 5 Halas Hawks 0

The U13s started the new season in disappointing fashion going down 5-0 at Dudley Juniors. Man of the match was awarded to goalkeeper Josh Rogers for a fine performance.

#### Withymoor 3 Halas Hawks 4

An exciting game of football saw the U14s go three goals up against Withymoor in the first half through Michael Eaton, Jack Guest and Savan Patel. The second half continued in the same vein with Dominic Hipkiss scoring to make it 4-0, but with 15 minutes to go Withymoor managed to find the back of the net. This opened the way for an onslaught on the Halas goal and Withymoor managed to claw back to 3-4.

#### Howley Grange 1 Halas Hawks 2

The U15s had a solid 2-1 victory against a recently promoted Howley Grange. Halas were always in control and should have added to their lead. Hawks goals arrived from Tom Wickstead and Ben

Wyatt.

#### Bilbrook 3 Halas Hawks 0

The U17s were involved in a hard fought game against a quality Bilbrook Side. It was more of a defensive battle for the Halas boys who didn't finish the chances created and unfortunately ended up losing 3-0, although they deserved at least a draw.

#### Birmingham County Women's League Rubery Ladies 2 Halas Hawks Ladies 3

Halas Hawks Ladies played their first match in the Birmingham County Womens League after earning promotion last season.

They made the journey to Rubery Ladies and in a close first half, they went one down early in the game but Jodie Jones shrugged off a couple of tackles to run through the middle and score the equaliser. The second half saw Halas come more into the game but still conceded a well-worked Rubery goal.

Halas continued to improve in the second half and deserved their equalizer scored by Tash Berry. As the game looked set for a draw, Halas were awarded a free kick just outside the Rubery penalty area. With virtually the last kick of the match, Katy Monk stepped in to score the winner with her trade mark curled shot.

### TIVIDALE 1 KIRBY MUXLOE 1

Tividale were the victims of a late smash and grab as Kirby Muxloe stole a point with an equaliser six minutes into added time.

The hosts had outplayed their Midland Alliance rivals and looked set for victory courtesy of a strike from Adam Whattley.

But they were made to pay the price for failing to hammer home their supremacy when Lee McAthie struck a dramatic leveller.

Tividale started brightly and visiting goalkeeper Tom Holyoak denied Whattley and Danny Campbell in quick succession.

Kirby replied with a close range header from Lee Barratt that just went wide and came close to taking the lead on 15 minutes when Stuart Verrall was denied by a stunning close-range save from James Trevalen.

That scrae proved to be a wake-up call for Tividale and they looked the more threatening team for the remainder of the half. On 18 minutes, Mark Swann went close with a close-range shot.

### Narrow

Whattley had the ball into the net after 23 minutes, but his effort was ruled out for a foul on the keeper.

Three minutes later the visitors had another narrow escape when defender Chris Goodman almost put through his own net when his miss hit clearance struck his hand before passing just wide of the upright for a corner, prompting loud appeals for a penalty from the Tividale players and crowd.

The play continued to be in and around the visitors' penalty area and Tividale came close when a Whattley shot clipped the crossbar after he and Jason Chilton had opened up a packed defence.

Chilton was again involved in a promising move with Whattley which this time led to Swann's goal-bound shot being saved by Holyoak.

The visitors made a lively start to the second half and Barratt shot wide from a free-kick on 50 minutes before Ben Law forced a good save from Trevalen. But it was the hosts who struck first when Whattley coolly beat Holyoak.

Manager Dean Whitehouse then took the initiative in an attempt to build on their advantage when Swann and Campbell were replaced by Jukes and Russell and the move almost paid off.

McAthie headed home from a free-kick in added time.

## Yeltz pay for not nailing it down

### ROCESTER 2 HALESOWEN TOWN 1

Halesowen paid a hefty price for failing to capitalise on their dominance when Chris Sterling's smash and grab hand handed Midland Alliance Roster a shock FA Cup victory.

The Yeltz seemed on course for a successful return to FA Cup action after an enforced two-season break, although a catalogue of missed chances and an inspired, heroic performance from Roster goalkeeper Richard Froggatt kept the leading margin to just a single goal.

After early pressure, the Yeltz inevitably took a 28th-minute lead when Naveed Arshad chased a long ball and shrugged off home skipper Richard McCormick to lob home over Froggatt.

Justin Nisbett then skipped free but Froggatt made another good block and the busy shot-stopper denied Arshad after more superb work from Nisbett.

At the start of the second period, Froggatt saved Lee Chilton's shot low down and did even better to deny Chilton again from Nisbett's 58th-minute cross.

But the seemingly comfortable victory unravelled when Halesowen's defence failed to clear and Sterling turned in the penalty area to slam home a 71st-minute equaliser.

Surprise turned to disbelief when Sterling sprung the visiting offside trap to run clear and claim victory for the battling Romans clinically beating keeper Paul Evans in the 82nd minute.

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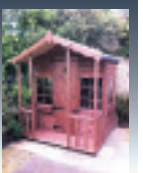
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## Annual Report 2010/11

Welcome to the fifth annual report from Dudley Primary Care Trust.

The PCT spends over £500 million each year on health services in Dudley Borough. This is a great deal of money, and it works out at around £1,600 for every adult and child living in Dudley Borough.

We are responsible for buying all of the healthcare that you, as a Dudley borough resident, may need throughout your life. This includes care in hospital, care in the community from services such as district nursing or health visitors and mental health services. We also hold contracts with GPs, dentists, opticians and pharmacists.

One of our strategic objectives is to help people be as healthy as possible and to do this we offer a range of initiatives to support people to eat healthily, exercise more and have a healthy mental wellbeing.

On behalf of the PCT Board, we would like to thank our staff, our primary care colleagues, our many partners and all of the members of the public who have been involved with us over the year for their huge contributions. This support and involvement has been invaluable in shaping and delivering exceptional health services in what has been a challenging environment.

We look forward to working with you again over the course of the coming year to continue to improve the health and wellbeing of people in the borough of Dudley.



Gill Cooper  
Interim Chair



Dr Steve Cartwright  
Interim Medical  
Director/PEC Chair



Valerie A Little  
Dudley Director of Public  
Health and Acting  
Managing Director on  
March 31st

## A year in numbers...

### In 2010/11 NHS Dudley:

- Ensured **95%** of patients received treatment within **18** weeks from their initial referral to outpatients
- Achieved a **42.8%** per cent reduction in MRSA and hit our target to reduce hospital C. difficile rates by **42.6%**
- Trained **100** Breastfeeding Buddies across the Borough to support and advise women who want to breastfeed their babies
- Saw our volunteers clock up **1,500** hours of voluntary work between April and December 2010
- Ensured **98.8%** of emergency patients were treated within **4** hours



# Highlights from our year 2010/11



## Brierley Hill Health and Social Care Centre opens its doors

In June 2010, The Brierley Hill Health and Social Care Centre opened its doors to patients for the first time. Following a two year design and construction programme, the centre is now home to over 400 NHS and Local authority staff. Minister of State for Health, Simon Burns officially opened the centre in October 2010.

## Your Dudley, Your Say

Dudley Primary Care Trust is always keen to hear what local people have to say about the services we commission. In July 2010 we joined forces with Dudley Council and hit the streets of Dudley to find out what matters most to our residents. Your Dudley, Your Say gathered over 230 views inside the 'Comments Campervan'.



## New GP Practice for Kates Hill

The Mayor of Dudley was the guest of honour at the opening of Kates Hill Surgery this year. The surgery located in the Kates Hill Area of Dudley is operated by Primecare and was the final practice to open as a result of the Government's Equitable Access to Primary Care Programme. As well as the service normally associated with general Practice, the surgery also offers a specific outreach facility to BME residents locally.

## Summary Care Record launched

Practices from across the Dudley Borough signed up for the national Summary Care Programme which sees individuals medical information uploaded onto a national system allowing access to vital information anywhere in the country.

Summary  
Care  
Records

## Winter Weather hits borough hard

2010/11 saw extreme winter weather hit the borough. Winter is always a busy time of year for NHS services, but this year saw unprecedented demand for services. Thanks to the efforts of NHS staff from Dudley Primary Care Trust, DGOH and Dudley Community Services local residents continued to get the high level of care they required.

## Young people told to 'Think Pharmacy'

In March 2011, Derek the Hip Hop Pharmacist launched a campaign to promote the services offered in pharmacies across the borough to 16 – 24 year olds. Utilising a wide range of media including facebook and youtube the campaign tackled issues such as confidentiality and lack of awareness of pharmacy services as highlighted from research conducted with over 350 young people. [www.thinkpharmacy.info](http://www.thinkpharmacy.info)



## Clinicians to lead the buying of healthcare

Clinicians from across the Dudley borough were given approval from the Department of Health to move forward with plans to take the lead in buying healthcare services for local residents. Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group were among the first 52 from across England selected to be to take on commissioning responsibilities as part of the Government's plans set out in the NHS White Paper Liberating the NHS: Equity and Excellence.



# Our finances

With responsibility for over £500m of public money the PCT has achieved all statutory financial targets for 2010/11. This has been at a time of significant demand on health services and the desire to develop services to meet key health plans.

**The PCT achieved all statutory and non-statutory financial duties in 2010/11 as set out below:**

## Statutory

Remain within the Revenue Resource Limit achieved £794,000 surplus  
Remained within Capital Resource Limit achieved £7,000 surplus.

## Non-Statutory

Better Payment Practice Code – pay suppliers invoices by the due date or within 30 days of receipt achieved – exceeded the 95% target.  
Ensure Provider Services achieve full cost recovery achieved surplus of £468,000.



In 2010/11 the PCT spent £510,406,000 an increase of 5.2% compared to 2009/10. After taking account of technical adjustments associated with the revaluation of assets to a Modern Equivalent Assets (MEA) basis in line with national policy, the net increase in expenditure was 2.9%.



**During 2010/11 the PCT increased expenditure in a number of areas, some of which were:**

- Increased investment in a new Health and Social Care Centre within Brierley Hill - £2.2m
- Increased investment in obesity and smoking reduction initiatives - £300,000
- Increased investment on drugs and devices - £2m
- Establishment of community initiatives, including minor surgery and diabetes - £250,000

**Despite these times of constraint, the PCT intends to invest in new services to improve healthcare in Dudley in the following areas:-**

- Screening of risk factors for heart conditions in the adult population - £570,000
- Digital Mammography - £300,000
- Investment in weight loss programmes - £205,000
- Increased investment in tackling alcohol misuse - £300,000



## Where were Dudley residents treated in 2010/11

When you need hospital treatment, you can receive this care anywhere in the UK, including from some private healthcare providers. In 2010/11, people from the Dudley borough were treated here in the borough, in hospitals within the Midlands and beyond. This is where Dudley residents were treated last year:

- Walsall Hospitals £0.4m
- Royal Wolverhampton Hospital £7.6m
- Dudley Group of Hospitals £179m
- West Midlands Hospital £3.7m
- University Hospitals Birmingham £8.3m
- Heart of England £1.6m
- Birmingham Childrens £3m
- Birmingham Womens £0.9m
- Sandwell & West Birmingham £5.1m





# The future

## Changes in the NHS

In July 2010, the Government published a paper called 'Liberating the NHS', which details how the NHS will change over the coming years to ensure the services provided are as patient focused as possible.

To make these improvements, the way the NHS is run is changing.

Local health staff and local communities will have more power to make decisions and fewer decisions will be taken at a national level. Local decisions on healthcare will be placed in the hands of clinicians.

From April 2013, some of the functions currently provided by the Primary Care Trust will be led by local clinicians including GPs, nurses and hospital consultants. This means that some of the money that is allocated by the government to buy healthcare services will be handed to groups of local clinicians who will decide what the best services are for local residents. This process is known as commissioning.

The National Commissioning Board will be responsible for buying specific services including those provided by GPs and it is proposed that the responsibility for Public Health will move to the Local Authority overseen by a new body called Public Health England.

## Developing Clinical Commissioning in Dudley

In Dudley, GPs and other clinicians have always been involved in deciding how the budget for healthcare is spent locally, therefore staff at the PCT and local clinicians already have strong working relationships. Clinicians from across the borough have been spending more time understanding the current functions undertaken by the PCT so that they are prepared to take on their new responsibilities and in April 2011 began commissioning some areas on behalf of local people.

Dr David Hegarty is the Chair of the Dudley Health Clinical Commissioning Group and is leading the development of Clinical Commissioning here in Dudley. He is also a practicing GP in the borough.

*"We are working hard to ensure that the new roles clinicians are taking on are successful and that local people continue to receive the best possible standard of healthcare here in the Dudley borough."*

*"As the Commissioning Group develops we will begin to take on more and more areas of responsibility and have already begun buying some services from local providers. We will continue commission more until we are able to take the reins fully in 2013 when we have completed the legal process that is required to establish a statutory body."*

**Dr David Hegarty**

Chair – Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group

## The Black Country Cluster

To ensure stability until PCTs are abolished, local PCTs are being joined together to form a PCT Cluster to ensure that the important support services that the organisations currently provide can continue.

'Liberating the NHS' clearly states that PCTs will be abolished by 2013 therefore to ensure stability until this point local PCTs will be clustering to make them more robust. Dudley will join with Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton with the appointment of one Executive team for the Black Country Cluster.

In March 2011, Robert Bacon, Chief Executive at Sandwell Primary Care Trust was appointed as the Chief Executive for all four PCTs.

Dr Steve Cartwright has recently been appointed as Managing Director for NHS Dudley.

